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OPC Foundation Luncheon: Zakaria's Advice to New President

The Bush Administration, like virtually every new American government, is going to have to back away from some of the very promises that helped it win election, Fareed Zakaria, new editor of *Newsweek International*, predicted at the OPC Foundation's annual scholarship luncheon on January 22. Although foreign policy wasn't at the center of the election battle, George W. Bush did campaign on the pledge that American troops wouldn't get involved in foreign entanglements where American interests weren't at stake. That seemed to suggest he would pull U.S. forces out of places such as Bosnia, where the Clinton Administration intervened mostly for humanitarian reasons.

But Zakaria noted that if Bush does pull out of the Balkans, Western Europe will have little alternative but to forge ahead with a more unified European military and

political decision-making body. Inevitably, that will compete with America for



Fareed Zakaria, the new editor of Newsweek International, was Scholarship Luncheon's keynote speaker.

geopolitical leadership. "The Bush Administration, and foreign policy elites, are going to



Joe Lelyveld, Executive Editor of The New York Times, introduced the new Emanuel Freedman scholarship.

have to decide what they want," said Zakaria, who was managing editor of the prestigious *Foreign Affairs* journal before joining *Newsweek*.

Similarly, the Bush team endorsed a national missile defense system during the campaign, even though the technology and tactics are still only in the research stage. Although not against such a system, Zakaria said he wondered whether a multibillion dollar program aimed at rogue states such as North Korea would really be effective in countering a much more immediate threat to the United States, namely terrorism. "It's rather foolish to put locks on
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Cohen on Germany: "Risen from the Rubble"

by Lee Townsend

The OPC scheduled two major events in January and both featured thoughtful speeches by prominent journalists suggesting that new President George W. Bush rethink some of his campaign rhetoric when it comes to relations with Europe.

The advice first came from Fareed Zakaria, new editor of *Newsweek International* at the January 22 OPC Foundation luncheon (above).

Then on January 31, Roger Cohen, OPC Board member and *The New York Times*

Berlin Bureau Chief, delivered a riveting talk to about 75



Roger Cohen

guests at Club Quarters.

Cohen stressed that in the new Germany "grave difficulties are certain" if the United States goes ahead with a national missile defense "unproven system." Cohen also stressed over and over in his talk that the move of the German capital from Bonn back to Berlin was more than symbolic.

"Berlin is not Bonn...not about self-effacement," Cohen said. He added that while the new capital is "a little brash, a little tasteless," it is "aching
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ROGER COHEN

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for the blessing of normality." He said the Bush administration would be "wise to pay close attention" to this "fast-changing place."

He said Germany is most interesting because it is changing so much, adding, "like hot peppers, it leaves no one neutral."

The United States would be mistaken to think of Germany as still a beaten nation dependent on others, he said. "Berlin has risen from the rubble," and there are "signs of a Berlin ready to flex its muscles again."

Cohen stressed "the past is still alive even as Germany changes," but in the minds of many "the war, Auschwitz now lay two or three generations back."

One possible source of friction between Germany and the West is a "rediscovery of pride." Cohen said Germans now feel they have a right to feel proud of their country and shouldn't have to suppress that pride.

But along with national pride, Cohen said, the euro being used in Germany and other countries has already done much to unite European nations making, to quote the current U.S. President's father, "a Europe whole and free."

Germany needs the U.S. and we need Germans at the center of the European alliance, Cohen said, adding, "America and Germany are tied at the hip."

In a question period, Cohen was asked if the mad cow disease problem was being

taken seriously in Germany. He said it was and part of his answer shows how the country's past still haunts it. He said a priest was quoted as calling the problem a "cattle holocaust." There was such an uproar that he had to recant the remark.

Cohen, a former *Times* Paris correspondent also covered the Bosnian war for which he won the 1995 OPC Eric and Amy Burger award. He is author of "Hearts Grown Brutal: Sagas of Sarajevo" (Random House, 1998).

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OPC Christmas Tale: A Cello for a Special Family

By John Corporon

Three OPC members collaborated to bring a special Christmas to an American family made up in part by three Russian orphans. Terry Flettrich Rohe of Hancock, Maine, read in *Good Housekeeping* that a Kansas mother and musician sold her only cello when money ran short for the family of nine. The mother, Mrs. Tracy Keraly of Winfield, Kansas, and her husband, Lee, believed that God led them to Russia to adopt three youngsters and bring them a better life. The three combined with four other children produced much happiness and a high cost of living to the Keralys. They moved to Kansas from California to escape a high

cost of living. Still, expenses outran income from Lee's job at Bombardier Aerospace in Wichita. So she sold her cello, used to play with the Winfield community orchestra. OPC member Terry Rohe, who was born in Siberia more than eight decades ago, and her husband, Robert Rohe, a professional classic bass player and builder of cellos, rode to the rescue after seeing the *Good Housekeeping* article. He donated a \$7,000 cello he had built in his Maine workshop for Tracy Keraly's use. When the Rohes called the article to the attention of John Corporon, past president of OPC, he contacted OPC member Al Buch, general manager of KSNW-TV, Wichita and told Buch the



OPC member Terry Rohe and her husband Bob, who builds cellos.

cello was about to be delivered to the Keralys a few days before Christmas. A KSNW news team drove to nearby Winfield and recorded the unpacking of the cello and taped a joyful Mrs. Keraly as she played a song of celebration. Terry Rohe for a number of years reported for ABC's

Good Morning America on stories affecting the elderly. She worked as a photo-journalist for Corporon at WPIX, New York and for many years hosted a TV magazine program for WDSU, New Orleans. She currently writes a column called Elderland for Maine newspapers.

Journalists' Death Toll

by Al Kaff

The International Federation of Journalists reports that 62 journalists are believed to have been killed last year while covering crime, corruption or political dissent. The Federation said it confirmed 37 journalists killed and another 20 suspected killings were being investigated. The report listed the death of five other media workers. "The year 2000 has been marked by a series of assassinations and targeted murders of journalists that highlight the dangers facing reporters around the world," the report said.

But in New York, the Committee to Protect Journalists reported a lower toll, 24 journalists killed last year because of their work, most of them while covering war or civil strife. "The majority did not die in crossfire," Ann Cooper, the Committee's executive director, said. "They were very deliberately targeted for elimination because of their reporting." Highest tolls were in Colombia, Russia and Sierra Leone, three killed in each country, and Bangladesh and Philippines, two killed. Countries with one killing were Brazil, Guatemala, Haiti, India,

Mozambique, Pakistan, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Ukraine and Uruguay, the Committee said.

Journalists frequently pay a "terrible price" in reporting to the world. With that comment, judges for AP's annual Gramling Awards issued a special citation to honor Miguel Gil Morena de Mora, APTN cameraman who was killed last May while covering fighting between pro-government and rebel forces in Sierra Leone (*June Bulletin*). "Danger and Miguel's assignment in Bosnia, Chechnya, Kosovo and Sierra Leone went hand in hand," the judges wrote. "His courage, skill and sacrifice remind us that bringing truthful, unbiased journalism to the world frequently has a terrible price." Before his death in 1992, Oliver S. Gramling, AP broadcast pioneer, directed that his estate provide cash awards to outstanding AP staffers. Three of the nine 2000 winners are involved in international journalism. Niko Price, Mexico City news editor, received \$10,000. Prizes of \$3,000 went to Elis Salim, Jakarta office manager, and Satish Sharma, New Delhi chief of communications for South Asia.

CHINA HANDS REUNION

The Overseas Press Club
of America
and
Hong Kong Economic
& Trade Office

Invite

China Hands, young and old, to attend a cocktail reception to meet, greet and network with correspondents who have been based in Chinese-speaking Asia

Date: Thursday, March 15, 2001

Time: 6:00 to 9:00pm

Where: Overseas Press Club
40 West 45 Street
New York City

Cost: \$35 payable at the door
(open bar and plenty of food)

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by Monday, March 12, 2001

OPC Foundation Scholarship Winners



Scholarship winners Lauren Weber, Lingling Wei, Anna Sophie Loewenberg, Indrani Sen, Botumroath Keo Lebung, Robert Schmitz, Cara Fitzpatrick, Drew Magratten, Melissa Chen, Megan Lardner, Claudia Carlin.

At the OPC Foundation scholarship luncheon January 22, 11 students received prizes of \$2,000 each. Following is a list of winners, their colleges, the prize they won and a comment on each:

Melissa Chan
Yale University
ALEXANDER KENDRICK
SCHOLARSHIP

Sponsored by his brother Victor and friends

Last summer Chan worked as an intern in Hong Kong for CNN's Mike Chinoy covering a string of anti-government demonstrations. "I stared at the crowd, bewildered and fascinated by their anger," she wrote. "All my life I had stereotyped the Chinese of Hong Kong as politically indifferent capitalists."

Robert Schmitz
Columbia University
DAVID R. SCHWEISBERG
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Sponsored by the Schweisberg Family

"Gong Shu is in love," Schmitz wrote. "Her eyes light up when she talks about He Xiao." It turns out that Gong, a 22-year-old student in Sichuan province, has met her boyfriend in an Internet chat room. He lives in Shanghai and they've never met face-to-face. Schmitz lived in Sichuan as a Peace Corps volunteer.

Lingling Wei
New York University
REUTERS SCHOLARSHIP
Sponsored by the Reuters Foundation

She worked two years for the *China Daily* in Shanghai and understands the dislocations caused by China's economic transformation. "In the shadow of the skyscrapers, shopping malls, neon-lit restaurants and Mercedes-Benz's of Shanghai's economic miracle, there are

Courage Awards

The International Women's Media Foundation has set March 15 as the deadline for applications to compete for an IWMF Courage in Journalism Award. The award, which carries a cash prize of \$2,000, "honors women journalists for demonstrating extraordinary strength of character in pursuing their craft under difficult or dangerous circumstances."

Any full- or part-time women reporters, writers, editors, photographers or producers are eligible and up to three recipients will be recognized in ceremonies in New York and Los Angeles in October.

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several million men and women who've lost their jobs as state-owned factories close," she wrote.

Megan Lardner
University of California at Berkeley
I.F. STONE SCHOLARSHIP
Sponsored by John R. MacArthur of Harper's Magazine and friends

She won for her coverage of student protests at Mexico City's National Autonomous University in 1999. "A group of families whose children were in jail was camped in front of the rector's building, writing the word 'freedom' in their own blood on the steps each morning," she wrote.

Cara Fitzpatrick
University of Washington
IRENE CORBALLY KUHN
SCHOLARSHIP
Endowed by the Scripps-Howard Foundation

"The muddy waters swirl around their ankles first, then their thighs, rising slowly up their midsections until they are pulled from the waters by police," Fitzpatrick wrote. The people in question are protesting a major dam project on the Narmada River in India, which threatens their homes, villages, and way of life.

Drew Magratten
Columbia University
H.L. STEVENSON MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP

Sponsored by family and friends

Magratten lived with a Mayan Indian family in remote Guatemala and wants to expose corruption and injustice, including the mysterious death of an American correspondent. In general, he wants to "make the connection between Americans' everyday lives and the lives of those who live beyond our borders."

Claudia Carlin
Columbia University
STAN SWINTON SCHOLARSHIP
Sponsored by Helen Swinton

Born in France, Carlin's Jewish parents and other relatives were arrested by the collaborationist Vichy government during World War II and delivered to their deaths at the hands of the Nazis. She escaped. Now she wants to shed light on that era, with particular emphasis on the role of the French media.

Indrani Sen

Columbia University

**THEO WILSON SCHOLARSHIP
Sponsored by family and friends**

"Calcutta terrified me as a child, watching its chaos and filth and drama whiz by," writes Sen, who grew up in London. She went back to Calcutta to write about prostitutes trying to start a trade union, in part to fight AIDS. "I don't think this profession is a bad profession," she quotes one 18-year-old prostitute as saying. "It's a profession like any other profession."

Lauren Weber

Baruch College

**DAN ELDON SCHOLARSHIP
Sponsored by his mother
Kathy Eldon and Time, Inc.**

She scored points with the judges by her reporting in New York's diamond district. "Conflict diamonds are fueling vicious civil wars in Africa," she concluded. "The brutality of these wars stands in stark contrast to the idea that diamonds represent loyalty, purity, and everlasting love."

Botumroath Keo Lebun

Columbia University

**EMANUEL FREEDMAN
SCHOLARSHIP
Sponsored by**

Eva and Tobias Bermant

Born in the "killing fields," she grew up in a refugee camp and posed as a hungry child for an American photographer, who gave her a yellow lollipop. Her father was killed by the Khmer Rouge. "I saw bodies blown to bits right up ahead of me by land mines." Now she wants to share her knowledge of a country that most Americans know little about.

Anna Sophie Loewenberg

Columbia University

**ROY ROWAN SCHOLARSHIP
Sponsored by friends and admirers**

Having spent four years in Beijing, she impressed the judges with her knowledge of the underground culture of a post-ideological youth. "I watched punk rock music become a genre, the Internet become a widely used medium for communication, and ecstasy become a drug of choice among disco-going youth," she wrote.

LUNCHEON

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your third floor windows (against missiles), but leave your first and second floors wide open (to terrorism)," he said. Moreover, he noted that the missile defense system was hugely unpopular with both America's allies and potential foes. "This research program has succeeded as no other American foreign policy initiative has in uniting the whole world—against it," he added.

Overall, Zakaria said he believed that President Clinton had a solid foreign policy strategy, but lacked tactical skill. In contrast, the Bush Administration has assembled a team of professionals such as new Secretary of State Colin Powell and they will work together well on a tactical level—but Zakaria didn't think the foreign policy team has a clearly articulated strategy.

The luncheon attracted a sell-out crowd of 205 people to the Yale Club, including top editors of *Newsweek*, *The New York Times*, *Parade*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Business Week*, Reuters, and other organizations. Other highlights of the luncheon included the launching of two new scholarships, bringing the number of \$2,000 checks being handed out to 11. The first new award is named for Emanuel Freedman, foreign editor of *The New York Times* from 1948 to 1964. Freedman hired and trained an entire generation of correspondents for the *Times*, including a young Joe Lelyveld, now executive editor at the paper. Lelyveld told the audience how Freedman sent him off to Burma for a year as a stringer ("mailers only, please"—meaning no expensive cables) and then gave him his first staff posting in South Africa, a place the young correspondent dreaded going because of its system of apartheid. But Lelyveld went and the rest, as they say, is history. "I wouldn't be standing here today if it weren't for Manny Freedman," Lelyveld said. The scholarship was endowed by Freedman's widow, Eva, and husband Tobias Bermant. Presenting the first check were Freedman's children, Alix Freedman of *The Wall Street Journal*, and her brother, Eric.

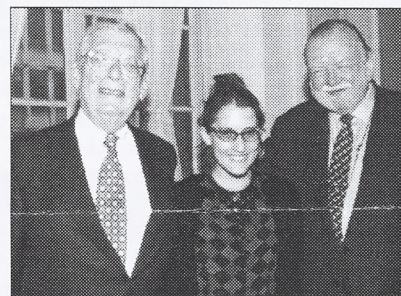
Roy Rowan, immediate past president of the OPC, was able to launch his own scholarship in person, presenting a check to a student whose specialty is China—the same place Rowan started his career. "I'd like to thank the Columbia journalism school," Roy wisecracked. "Because when I applied to go there in 1946 on the

GI Bill, they turned me down. So I stayed in China and started my career." Tom Goldstein, dean of Columbia's J-school, was in the room and reacted in mock anguish to Roy's friendly barb. But Goldstein had plenty of solace: out of the 11 scholarship winners, six hailed from his program.

Presiding over the lunch was William J. Holstein, president of the OPC Foundation. Patrons of the luncheon were DaimlerChrysler, *Newsweek*, and *The Wall Street Journal*.

Buying friend tables were Eva and Tobias Bermant; Bloomberg News; the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism; the Dilenschneider Group; Ford Motor Co; Freedom Forum; *Parade*; and Reuters.

Thanks from Roy Rowan



Roy Rowan and Don Underwood pose with the first Roy Rowan Scholarship recipient, Anna Sophie Loewenberg, from Columbia University.

I would like to thank all of the OPC members who contributed to the scholarship fund that was established in my name. The response was overwhelming, and I am moved beyond words by your generosity.

The first winner, Anna Sophie Loewenberg, proved to be a remarkably talented young woman who, with the help of the award she received, will return to Beijing to complete a book she is writing about China's youth.

These OPC Foundation scholarships provide great encouragement to aspiring foreign correspondents like Anna. Rest assured that my family and I will continue adding to the Rowan Scholarship Fund until it is fully endowed.

Roy Rowan
Roy Rowan



PEOPLE...with Al Kaff

GORDON CURRIE/BILL SHINN

BEVERLY HILLS, California: Barney Oldfield,

91, writer, radio commentator and OPC member, reports: "In the new millennium, I've graduated from my old Smith-Corona to a fancy new red computer." Also, a web site, www.oldfields.org, has been established as an archive of the life and times of Barney and his wife, **Vada**, who died in 1999. "Check it out and e-mail me if you like at: barney@oldfields.org," he said. The Oldfields served in the U.S. military in Europe during World War II. A retired U.S. Air Force colonel, Barney after the war was a Hollywood publicist and corporate director of international relations for Litton Industries. He now provides college scholarships for Nebraska students and funds a program at the University of Nebraska, the couple's alma mater, for research into Alzheimer's disease of which Vada died.



Barney Oldfield

FAIRFIELD, Connecticut: Christmas mail to the *Bulletin's* "People" columnist brought a copy of an article published in the October 1995 *Japan Society Newsletter* with an eye-opening quote from **Faubion Bowers**: "At the outbreak of the war [WWII], just 25 Caucasians in the United States could speak, read and write Japanese." In Tokyo today, at least that many foreign correspondents are reasonably fluent in Japanese. Fascinated by Japan as a schoolboy in Oklahoma reading the 19th century Japan-based writer **Lafcadio Hearn**, Bowers lived in Tokyo a year before and several years after World War II. He became an author, translator, professor and music critic. He was a frequent visitor to the Foreign Correspondents'

Club of Japan while serving as a censor of *kabuki* plays on U.S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur's staff. Although he was a Japanese scholar, Bowers wrote in his article, "In all my time with him, MacArthur never asked me a single question of any kind about Japan."



Joe Galloway



Harold G. Moore

FORT BENNING, Georgia: OPC member **Joe Galloway** will be portrayed in a movie based on the best-selling book he wrote with retired Lt. Gen. **Harold G. Moore**, "We Were Soldiers Once...and Young" [New York: Random House, 1992]. Film star **Mel Gibson** will play Moore. "Someone younger and thinner than I am today will be cast as me in my Vietnam days," Galloway, 59, told the *Bulletin*. The book is based on the 1965 Ia Drang Valley battle, the first major fighting by U.S. troops in the Vietnam War. In that battle, Moore commanded the 7th Cavalry men, and Galloway covered the action for UPI. Filming is scheduled to start in March at Fort Benning, where Moore's soldiers trained. Battle scenes will be shot at Camp Roberts, California. The film, a joint production of Gibson's ICONS Productions and Paramount Pictures, is expected to be released late this year or next spring. Galloway, now a senior writer at *U.S. News & World Report*, and Moore are technical advisors. Galloway, Moore and **Randall Wallace**, the film's screenwriter and director, did preparatory work in Fort Benning earlier this year.

GAZA STRIP: Three masked gunmen shot and killed **Hisham Mikki**, 54, director of Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation, Jan. 17 while he sat at a table waiting for friends at the Beach Hotel restaurant. Mikki, also director of Palestinian Satellite Television, was shot in the chest and head by gunmen who escaped.

Mikki was an associate of Palestinian leader Yasir Arafat, who helped carry his flag-draped coffin from a mosque to a military car bound for a cemetery. From Jerusalem, **Joel Greenberg** of *The New York Times* reported: "The Palestinian Authority blamed 'collaborators' with Israel, but Israel denied any involvement." A day after the killing, Reuters received a fax from a Palestinian group called Aksa Martyrs Brigade claiming responsibility for the killing, saying it was necessary because Arafat had not clamped down on corruption. Mikki "was notorious in Gaza for his supposed corruption," *The Times's* **Deborah Sontag** reported from Bethlehem.

HONG KONG: **Harry F. Rosenthal**, worked 46 years for AP including 30 years as a reporter in Washington, retiring in 1997. Last year, he spent six months in China with the English-language *Shanghai Daily*, rewriting, editing and polishing the copy of young Chinese reporters. His remarks at a Hong Kong news conference were reported by **Arnold Zeitlin**, director of Freedom Forum's Asia Center, in *The Correspondent*, published by the Foreign Correspondents Club. Most troubling, Rosenthal said, was the Chinese practice of reimbursing reporters for attending a news conference by the corporations staging the event. "Often times it comes as taxi money or 'we kept you over lunch; here, please, use this to buy one,'" Rosenthal said. "It's a form of bribery that no one seems to question and the source of considerable income to reporters, photographers and the like. They earn about U.S. \$375 a month. In Shanghai, we dealt with young reporters who had no training, who came to the job with absolutely no love of facts and accuracy, who knew zilch about journalism or its purposes and ethics and whose ability to speak and write in English ranged from very good to hilarious." Started in 1999, *Shanghai Daily* is published by the Shanghai Municipal Council for the



Harry Rosenthal and Arnold Zeitlin

expatriate business community, and its editor is Communist Party member **Peter Zhang Ciyung**, who studied at Stanford University.

◆ **Arnold Zeitlin** reports that a journalism fund in memory of his late wife reached U.S.\$100,000 at the end of last year. He established the Vicky Shek Zeitlin Fund to benefit the Journalism & Media Studies Center at the University of Hong Kong. "We hope to add more to the kitty in 2001, enough to provide a full scholarship for mainland Chinese journalism students or working journalists to pursue a master's program at the Media Studies Center," Zeitlin, former AP bureau manager in Manila and later a UPI executive in Asia, said in a year-end report. He added that individual contributions to the fund are "helped by the Freedom Forum's enlightened policy of providing matching funds for such contributions of up to \$25K a year," **Vicky Zeitlin**, who was born in Hong Kong, was killed in an automobile accident near Dulles International Airport, Virginia, Nov. 20, 1998 (December 1998 *Bulletin*).

◆ Visiting Hong Kong last November to promote a cosmetic line she developed, model and actress **Isabella Rossellini**, 48, spoke to a standing-room dinner crowd in the Foreign Correspondents' Club. She commented on the bags under her eyes: "Us women are so much kinder and sweeter than men. We don't love you for the way you look. We love you the way you think. So don't worry about the bags. If you've seen my husbands or lovers, you'll know I don't go for beauty."



Isabella Rossellini

LONDON: Queen Elizabeth II looked at the photo of a 9-year-old girl fleeing naked from a bomb attack, 30-35 percent of her body burned, and asked Phan Thi Kim Phuc, "Is that really you?" Phuc replied indeed it was. That exchange took place last year at the opening of a new wing in London's Science Museum. Standing with Phan were **Nick Ut**, the AP photographer who took the historic 1972 photo during the Vietnam War, and OPC member **Horst Faas**, who edited Ut's original film in Saigon. Also on display were the Leica camera Ut used and a

model of the transmitter that sent the photo from Saigon to Tokyo. Phuc now lives in Toronto with her husband and their two children, and she travels the world for UNESCO with her message of peace and forgiveness (October 2000 *Bulletin*). Ut now is an AP photographer in Los Angeles, and Faas is AP's senior photo editor in London.



Horst Faas, Nick Ut, Phan Thi Kim Phuc and Queen Elizabeth II.

◆ **Thomas Glocer**, 41, is scheduled to succeed **Peter Job** in July as chief executive of Reuters, Bloomberg News reported in January. To prepare for the move, **Philip Green**, 47, replaced Glocer as chief executive of Reuters Information, the unit with financial information terminals in brokerage offices and financial institutions around the world. Reports that Job, a Reuters executive in Asia before becoming CEO, planned to retire this year were first reported last year (March 2000 *Bulletin*).

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky: For her book on ill-planned, poorly executed and misdirected foreign aid, **Janine Wedel**, associate producer of three PBS documentaries on Eastern Europe, won the 2001 University of Louisville Grawmeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order. The \$200,000 cash prize was awarded for her book, "Collision and Collusion: The Strange Case of Western Aid to Eastern Europe 1989-1998" [New York: St. Martin's Press, 1998]. She argues that Western consultants did little to help Russia and former Soviet bloc nations become democratic free-market states, and that the U.S. government helped create economic and social disaster in Russia by providing inappropriate policy advice and aid to corrupt power brokers. An anthropologist at the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, Wedel has contributed articles and opinion pieces to publications including *The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times* and *The Christian Science Monitor*.

NEW YORK: OPC member **Hugh Mulligan**, 75, who won a 1967 OPC award for his Vietnam War coverage, served two terms on the OPC board and covered stories in 142 countries, retired Nov. 1 after 49 years with AP. But he's not retiring from writing "You know writers never really retire," Mulligan told *AP World*, the wire service's magazine. "They just try to find new editors." He told the *Bulletin* he plans to concentrate on travel writing. As a retirement gift, AP gave Mulligan and his wife **Brigid** air tickets to Ireland, where she was born and where they were married in 1948. They plan the trip for March. "I hope it's not a one-way ticket," the Connecticut resident said.

Mulligan joined AP in 1952 and was a special correspondent when he retired. He covered six wars and 28 trips by the Pope. Countries from which he reported include Vietnam, Biafra, France, Cambodia, Laos, Northern Ireland, Nigeria, China, Russia, Iceland, Angola, Iran, Oman, Mexico, Poland, England and Ireland.

Of Cambodia today, Hugh wrote: "The old kingdom of the Khmers stirs itself from the lethargy of the ages, without knowing that its past already has been buried by the grim realities of the present....It all brings a visitor to a lament for Cambodia: for the royal elephants, for the white-bleeding rubber trees, for the gung-ho schoolboy who marched down the road with his company waving the big red and blue flag and came home in a body bag. Time in its troubled course has caught up with a peaceful place."



Hugh Mulligan

◆ The December-January *George*, the magazine's next to last issue before it folded, selected its winners and losers among people involved in last year's U.S. presidential race. Among media reporters, *George* named OPC member **Nicholas Kristof**, *The New York Times*, the winner and **Jim Lehrer**, Public Broadcast System, the loser.

The magazine's comments: Kristof's "elegant series on George W. Bush was well written and full of telling details. The dozen pieces might not have qualified as scoops, but Kristof unearthed

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vignettes—like W.'s failed efforts to date a Chinese woman while visiting his parents in Beijing in the 1970s—that gave *Times* readers the most well-rounded view of Bush's background."

In moderating the presidential debates, Lehrer was, "if nothing else, scrupulously evenhanded (he boasted to reporters of not having voted in 35 years). But he led three plodding affairs that produced few fireworks and even less news. Critics said he wimped out. They noted that he failed to ask enough probing questions to force the candidates to stop reciting their stump speeches and think out loud."

◆
Richard J. Meislin, 47, a former correspondent in Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean, became technology editor of *The New York Times* in February. He returned to the newsroom after working as editor-in-chief of New York Times Digital, the newspaper's Internet division. Meislin succeeded **Kevin McKenna**, 45, who joined *The Times* in 1984 as a foreign desk editor. McKenna, most recently *Times* technology editor, was named editor of Circuits, the newspaper's Thursday technology section, succeeding **James Gorman**, 51, who will write a *Times* column about the natural world and outdoor recreation.

◆
Twelve Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Awards for distinguished broadcast news reporting were presented in January. Four awards honored international reporting. The Gold Baton, the competition's top award, went to producers **Stephen Smith** and **Michael Montgomery** and American Radio-Works for a series on alleged Serbian atrocities in Kosovo broadcast on National Public Radio. Silver Batons were awarded to photojournalist **Sorous Samura** for a documentary on murder and brutality in the civil war in Sierra Leone, his homeland, produced by London's Insight News TV and broadcast on CNN; PBS producer **Helen Whitney** for her biographical report, "John Paul II: The Millennial Pope;" and ABC News producer **Jay LaMonica** and correspondent **Dave Marash** for their three-part series on AIDS in Africa.

◆
AP international correspondents on the move: **James Anderson**, San Juan to Caracas; **Christopher Bodeen**, New

York to Beijing; **Teresa K. Carl**, New York to Mexico City; **Priscilla Y. Cheung**, Hong Kong to New York; **Kevin Costelloe**, Singapore to Paris; **Kristin Gazlay**, London to New York; **Steven Gutkin**, Caracas to Singapore; **Vijay Joshi**, Cairo to Bangkok; **Abner Katzman**, Paris to New York; **Laura J. King**, Jerusalem to London; **Elaine Kurtenbach**, Beijing to Hong Kong; **Patrick McDowell**, Bangkok to Kuala Lumpur; **David G. McHugh**, New York to Moscow; **Pamela D. Sampson**, New York to Paris; **Andrew Selsky**, returning to AP in Bogota from Johannesburg reporting; and **Christopher L. Tomlinson**, New York to Nairobi.

◆
Bill Beutel, 70, who was a London bureau chief for ABC News, ended one of the longest careers as a television news anchor Jan. 5, but he continues as a correspondent for New York City's WABC-TV. After London, Beutel joined WABC in 1962 when the station started its news division and has anchored its news ever since. He believes that in 1965 he became the first local TV correspondent to report from the Vietnam War. Beutel told **Joyce Walder** of *The New York Times* that his boyhood idol was **Edward R. Murrow** broadcasting from London during the Battle of Britain. With one leg in a cast, Beutel was walking with a cane in January after the family's English bull terrier knocked him off balance, breaking two bones in his foot.

STATEN ISLAND, New York: After two and a half years planning and managing media communications for the Sydney Olympics Organizing Committee, Aussie **David Troath** was bunking with a friend on Staten Island in January and surveying the U.S. job market. In the 1970s, Troath was UPI's Asia communications manager in Hong Kong and later a communications executive for the wire service in New York.

SYDNEY: Australian newsman **Robin Hutcheon**, former editor of Hong Kong's *South China Morning Post*, remembers **Carroll Alcott**, an American correspondent in Shanghai, 1928-1941. Hutcheon wrote to the "People" colum-

nist: "As a boy in prewar Shanghai, I remember his news broadcasts which were a damning condemnation of Japan's activities in China—a very brave man who was shot at several times and had to travel in an armour-plated car and wear a flack jacket." Hutcheon, who has a copy of Alcott's 1943 book "My War With Japan," asked "People" what happened to Alcott after China. We found the answer in "Who Was Who in America, 1961-1968." Alcott was news editor of the Shanghai *Evening Post and Mercury*, associate editor of the Shanghai *China Press* and a war correspondent for AP in Shanghai; became a radio commentator with the U.S. Office of War Information and the OSS; worked for several U.S. broadcasters in the United States; joined CBS; and died in 1965 at age 63. If any reader knows more about Alcott, Hutcheon would be happy to hear from you at 902 Ocean Point, 170 Ocean Street, Edgecliff NSW 2027, Australia.

TAIPEI: **Jimmy Lai**, whose Hong Kong newspaper *Apple Daily* has criticized China's government, plans to start a weekly news magazine in Taiwan, believing that democracy is eroding in Hong Kong. Commenting on last year's Taiwan presidential election, won by opposition leader Chen Shui-bian, Lai told *The New York Times*: "The day after that election, I told my wife, 'Taiwan is the future of China.' Democracy here is irreversible. This democratic ideal will be a very dangerous force in influencing China." A few days after Lai moved to Taipei from Hong Kong, Anson Chan, the Hong Kong government's No. 2 official and an advocate for the city's independence, resigned amid signs she was in disfavor with Beijing, although she said she left for personal reasons. **Mark Landler** of *The Times* wrote: "To Mr. Lai, Mrs.



Jimmy Lai

Chan's resignation merely confirms the belief he has held since the hand-over of Hong Kong to China, and which prompted his move here [Taipei]: Hong Kong is a spent force politically." Lai told Landler, "Anson's departure represents the erosion of the last vestige of British democracy." Lai, 52, has hired 210 people to start his Taipei magazine in May, modeling it on *Next*, his Hong Kong

weekly of celebrity gossip. He is the first foreign publisher to enter the Taiwan media market that includes 10 daily papers, five weekly news magazines and six cable news channels.

TEHERAN: Convicted on various charges against Iran's clerical rule, **Akbar Ganji**, 40, an investigative journalist, was sentenced in January to 10 years in prison to be followed by five years in internal exile after his prison term ends. Quoting the official IRNA news agency, Agence France-Presse said Ganji was sentenced for attending an April 2000 conference in Berlin that prosecutors charged was aimed at overthrowing clerical rule, writing articles that implicated prominent government officials in the 1998 killing of several dissidents and intellectuals, and insulting Islamic Iran's founder and its current supreme leader (June and December 2000 *Bulletin*). Ganji's lawyer said he would file an appeal.

TOKYO: The English-language *Asahi Evening News*, since 1954 the afternoon newspaper for foreigners living in Japan, will close in the second quarter of this year when its parent, the Japanese-language *Asahi Shimbun*, and the *International Herald Tribune* start publishing a Japan edition of the *IHT*. The new English-language venture was announced in January by two OPC members who are co-chairs of the *IHT*: **Arthur Ochs Sulzberger**, chairman emeritus of The New York Times Company, and **Katharine Graham**, chairman of the executive committee of The Washington Post Company. *The Times* and *The Post* own the *International Herald Tribune*. Sulzberger and Graham said that under the new arrangement a more concise version of *Asahi Evening News* will be integrated into the *IHT* that will be printed in Tokyo and Osaka. In the past three years, *IHT* has entered into similar partnerships with *Ha'aretz* in Tel Aviv; *Kathimerini*, Athens; *Corriere della Sera*, Milan; *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, Frankfurt; *Joong Ang Ilbo*, Seoul; and *El Pais*, Madrid. Since 1987, the *International Herald Tribune* has operated a joint venture company with the Japanese-language *Mainichi Shimbun* for printing, distribution and marketing of the *IHT*, but with no editorial collaboration. That partnership will end. *Asahi* and *Mainichi* are competing national newspapers.

Before UPI faded from newspapers around the world, the wire service invited young reporters from Jiji Press, Japan's business and financial news service, to work as interns in New York for a year or two. The Wire Service Guild, the union that represented UPI and AP employees, required that Japanese interns cover news of interest only in Japan so as not to take work away from unionized reporters. **Hidetoshi Sakai**, an intern for 20 months in the 1980s, was promoted late last year to editor of Jiji's international service. In a note to the *Bulletin*, Sakai recalled that in New York while improving his English-language writing he covered Japanese banks then rated triple-A. "Is it believable now?" he wondered.

Bob Tanji, for many years UPI's Japan business manager, reported in January that lung problems kept him in a hospital for three months. "I will take it easy at age 76," he wrote to the *Bulletin*.

ULAN BATOR: **Takahiro Kato** and **Minoru Masaki**, Beijing-based TV correspondents for NHK, Japan's national broadcast network, were among nine people killed Jan. 14 when their helicopter spun out of control, crashed and exploded in flames in a mountainous region of Mongolia, 600 miles northwest of Ulan Bator. The Russian-made MI-8 helicopter was carrying 23 people on a U.N. inspection of drought and blizzard damage to livestock grazing areas. The other dead were four members of a U.N. disaster assessment team—an American, Briton, German and Mongolian; and three other Mongolians—a member of Mongolia's Parliament, a photographer and a helicopter technician. Fourteen people were injured, 10 critically. *The New York Times* reported that more than 55,000 Mongolian families and 9 million head of livestock are in jeopardy from summer drought and winter snow.

UNITED NATIONS: A petition calling for a moratorium on the death penalty, signed by 3.2 million people from 145 countries, was presented to U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan by Italian journalist **Mario Marazziti** in December. In addition to his work as senior manager of Italy's official TV channel, Marazziti, 48, is spokesman for Sant'Egidio Community, a Rome-based international movement of Roman Catholic lay people who collected 2.7 million of the signatures. Other signatures were obtained by

Amnesty International and Moratorium 2000, a campaign of **Helen Prejean**, a Catholic nun who wrote "Dead Man Walking," a book about her work on death row. Petition signers included President Vaclav Havel of the Czech Republic, Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid, the Jewish writer and educator Elie Wiesel, the Dalai Lama, Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey and several Vatican officials.

Accepting the petition, the U.N. Secretary General said, "If I may be permitted a personal view, the forfeiture of life is too absolute, too irreversible, for one human being to inflict on another, even when backed by legal process. And I believe that future generations, throughout the world, will come to agree." Marazziti said 86 nations retain the death penalty including the United States, Japan, India, Iran, Iraq, Egypt and Saudi Arabia. About 4,000 prisoners are executed annually including about 1,500 in China, Marazziti told **Peter Steinfelds** of *The New York Times*.

WATONGA, Oklahoma: **Mary Ann Hoberecht**, widow of longtime OPC member **Earnest (Asia Ernie) Hoberecht**, was named Boss of the Year 2000 by the Watonga Chamber of Commerce. Her husband, who died in 1999, was a UPI correspondent and executive in Asia from 1944-1966, when he returned to Watonga, his hometown, to operate the land title and insurance businesses founded by his father. Mary Ann took over the businesses after Ernie's death.

IN MEMORY

Suffering from a heart condition, **Auberon Waugh**, 61, a British journalist and author who covered the war in Biafra in the late 1960s for *The Spectator*, died in his sleep at his home in Taunton, Somerset, England, Jan. 16. In addition to *The Spectator*, Waugh wrote for other British newspapers and journals including *The Daily Telegraph*, *The New Statesman*, *Private Eye*, *The Literary Review*, *The Daily Mirror* and *The Evening Standard*. With nine wine cellars in his home, he wrote a column on wine for *Harper's* and *Queen*



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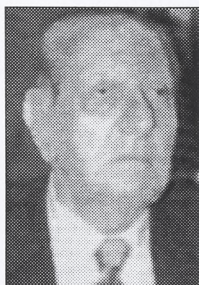
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magazines. He once wrote, "Journalists cannot afford to be too choosy about the newspapers they work for." Waugh was the eldest son of novelist **Evelyn Waugh**, whose 1937 book "Scoop" satirized war correspondents.

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Arch Parsons studied aeronautical engineering at New York University, did research work on the Manhattan Project that developed the World War II atomic bomb, graduated in journalism from the University of Michigan and then became a foreign correspondent. From 1949-1959, Parsons worked for the *New York Herald-Tribune* with assignments as United Nations bureau chief and Middle East correspondent, covering the 1956 war over the Suez Canal. In the 1960s, he was a correspondent for *The Washington Post* in Africa and the Middle East, later a copy editor at *The Washington Star*, a journalism professor at Michigan State University and a writer for *The Baltimore Sun*. Parsons, 75, died of kidney failure and cardiovascular disease Jan. 14 in a Maryland hospital.

◆
Emanuel S. Athanas, 94, a Greek broadcaster, correspondent, and editor in Washington, died of cardiac arrest Jan. 9 in Alexandria, Virginia, while recovering from a broken hip. Born in Rhodes, Athanas came to the United States in 1926, studied at several U.S. universities, and taught Greek literature and language at Columbia University before joining Voice of America in 1942. Using the name **Manos Rhodios**, he produced a program that was broadcast to Greece until his retirement in 1977. In recent years, Athanas was an editor of the Greek edition of *National Geographic* and Washington correspondent for several Greek newspapers.

◆
Charles Helou, 88, a newspaper editor in Beirut before he became president of Lebanon, died of a heart attack Jan. 7 at a hospital in Zalka, north of Beirut. Before entering government service, Helou was editor of the French-language daily *Le Jour* for several years. In 1947, he joined the government as Lebanon's first minister to the



Charles Helou

Vatican and two years later became the Lebanese information minister. He was Lebanon's president 1964-1970.

◆
William Francis Donnelly, 76, former president of the Army Times Publishing Company, the nation's largest publisher of military newspapers, died of complications from cancer Jan. 1 at his home in Potomac, Maryland. After World War II service as a U.S. Navy pilot, Donnelly joined the circulation department of the company in 1951, and during the buildup of American troops in Vietnam he directed printing operations of the *Army Times* in Tokyo and Frankfurt. He became vice president of the company in 1968 and president in 1971, retiring in 1997 when the Army Times Company was bought by the Gannett Company. In addition to *Army Times*, the company publishes *Navy Times*, *Air Force Times*, *Federal Times* and *Defense News*.

◆
Richard Bergholz, 83, an AP correspondent in the Pacific during World War II, died in Pasadena, California, Dec. 26 after a stroke. Following the war, he joined the *Los Angeles Times* and was its longtime political reporter. After Richard Nixon was defeated in the 1960 presidential election and the 1962 race for California governor, he told a news conference, "You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore." Most of the reporters present believed Nixon's oft-quoted comment was aimed at Bergholz and the *LA Times*. **David Halberstam** wrote in his 1979 book, "The Powers That Be."

◆
John Midgley, 89, a British journalist who covered American affairs for the *Economist*, died of congestive heart failure Dec. 21 at his Washington home. He was the magazine's Washington correspondent and editor of its U.S. edition from 1963 until retiring in 1977, serving as a contributing editor until his death. Before joining the *Economist*, Midgley was a correspondent and foreign affairs editorial writer for the London *Guardian*, and chief correspondent in Germany for the London *Times*. In 1976, Queen Elizabeth II made him a Commander of the British Empire.

◆
Eloise Cunningham, 101, a member of the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan (FCCJ) since 1958, died in Tokyo of kidney failure Nov. 27. For decades, she covered music and the Japanese theater for *The New York Times*, the London

Times and other publications. Awarded FCCJ life membership in 1994, she was at the time of her death the Club's oldest member. With her missionary parents, Eloise moved to Japan in 1902 when she



was 2. She attended the Tokyo American School, traveling to and fro in a rickshaw. She spent the rest of her life in Japan except while attending Columbia University, graduating in musicology with a focus on *gagaku*, Japanese court music, and during World War II, when she worked for the U.S. Army in Washington, unraveling and translating coded messages sent from Japanese ships. She resigned from the Army after the United States dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima which she considered unnecessary. In Tokyo, she founded the Music for Youth Association to bring classical music to children between 4 and 15. At 95, Eloise told an interviewer that she missed not going to the Correspondents' Club more often, explaining: "It's those beastly subway stairs. I'm too old to take them, and taxis can get too expensive if you use them often." A vegetarian, she lived alone with stray dogs and cats in a house with Japanese interior and a grand piano in the living room.

◆
David Ramsey McNicoll, 85, who covered World War II in Europe and was editor-in-chief of an Australian newspaper, died in November. "A great man, David was one of the few Aussie war correspondents accredited to [General George] Patton's Third Army where we first met," former United Press correspondent **Robert C. Miller** reported to the *Bulletin*. After the war, McNicoll was top editor of the Sydney *Daily Telegraph* and for more than 25 years wrote features and a weekly column for another Australian newspaper, *The Bulletin*. At the Nov. 16 memorial service in Sydney, his son, **D. D. McNicoll**, read from his father's 1941 poem "Epitaph for a Soldier," his voice breaking when he reached the lines "just



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NEW BOOKS

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book "New Shanghai: The Rocky Rebirth of China's Legendary City" [New York: John Wiley] at a luncheon meeting of the Foreign Correspondents' Club in Hong Kong. "When it comes to private enterprise, places like Shenzhen in the south and Beijing, the political capital in the north, and Sichuan in the west, are really more entrepreneurial and more risk-taking places." As to Shanghai replacing Hong Kong as a financial center, Yatsko said: "Shanghai still lacks convertible currency, well-enforced regulations, reliable intermediaries, a reliable business press, good listed companies and proper disclosure practices. Also, Shanghai cannot do anything without Beijing's approval."

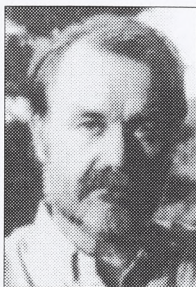
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let me lie under the cool sweet earth and sleep in peace, where I will not be missed."



Gerd Balke was a German civil engineer who wanted to follow in the footsteps of **Joseph Conrad** by writing in a language not his own. Balke went to Hong Kong in 1979 with a British construction firm, joined the Foreign



Gerd Balke

Correspondents' Club, married a Chinese woman and wrote an introduction to a book of interviews, "Hong Kong Voices." His first novel, "Paradise Fermenting," was being illustrated and edited last autumn when he joined 23 other people in an expedition to explore the Silk Road through central Asia. By jeeps and a van, they traveled from Chengdu, China, to the Pakistan border. Along the way, Balke took notes from which he was going to write a novel. **Anthony Lawrence**, president of the Foreign Correspondents of Hong Kong, reports: "They covered 7,600 kilometers [4,722 miles] in 21 days and returned triumphantly on October 1, but thoroughly exhausted. That night Gerd suffered a heart attack and never woke." He was 51.

NOTA BENE: In this New Year of the Snake, slither your "People" items to **Al Kaff**, 393 Unquowa Road, Fairfield, Connecticut 06430.

• Discussing his book "The Chinese" [John Murray], **Jasper Becker**, Beijing bureau chief for the *South China Morning Post*, a Hong Kong daily, told the Foreign Correspondents' Club in Hong Kong:

China "is one of the few countries in the world where the leadership is actually made up of engineers, technologists. In countries like Britain or France, the top leaders are usually lawyers or they come from business or academia. But in China people like Jiang Zemin, Li Peng and many others in the top leadership are



Jasper Becker

all engineers. What this means is that they are extremely keen on having a kind of stagnant political system, but they are very keen on importing technology and using technology as a means of driving change in China."

CARIBBEAN

In "The White Man in the Tree: And Other Stories" [New York: Washington Square Press], **Mark Kurlansky**, who covered the Caribbean basin for seven years for the *Chicago Tribune*, writes about misunderstandings between people of different cultures and different races. Author of four non-fiction books, Kurlansky turns to fiction in this book, inventing characters caught up in personal conflicts: A 56-year-old Danish filmmaker romancing a young Haitian woman in Port-au-Prince, an AIDS-haunted liaison between a French tourist and a Calypso singer, a rabbi in Curaçao determined to eat only kosher, a Dominican cop too decent to extort bribes from wealthy Americans and a childless New York housewife who decides to jump into an island volcano.



Mark Kurlansky

EUROPE

• The Crimean War was the first war to be covered by photographers and correspondents, including **William Howard Russell** of the *London Times*, whose epitaph calls him "the first and greatest" war correspondent (January *Bulletin*). Crimea cost the lives of 100 thousand or so British and French and countless Turkish and Russian soldiers, fighting for

Sevastopol even though the Black Sea port was of little value to either side. British journalist **Trevor Royle**, who lives in Edinburgh and is associate editor of the *Sunday Herald* and a BBC radio commentator on international affairs, examines that war in "Crimea: The Great Crimean War, 1854-1856" [New York: St. Martin's Press]. In *The New York Times*, **Douglas Porch**, author of "The French Foreign Legion" and "The French Secret Services," writes that the Crimean War "is in many respects depressingly contemporary—its setting encompasses turmoil in the Holy Land, ethnic slaughter in the Balkans, insurgency in the Caucasus and a Russia uncertain of its status as its hollow army struggles to shore up its southern frontiers."

INDIAN OCEAN

• In his column in the Jan. 14 *Parade* magazine, former OPC President **Herb Kupferberg** wrote: "If you've never heard of the Kerguelen Islands, not to worry—hardly anybody else has either. Located in the south Indian Ocean close to Antarctica, the French-owned group is also known as the Desolation Islands—treeless, roadless, wind-blown and with absolutely no native population." Kupferberg was commenting on "The Arch of Kerguelen" [New York: Four Walls Eight Windows] by French journalist **Jean-Paul Kauffmann**, a former foreign correspondent for *Le Figaro*. The author visits the island to search for a great arched rock, which reminds him of the entrance to a crypt. Kupferberg continued: Kauffmann "vividly describes an almost lifeless world with curious relics left by a scattering of previous visitors—explorers, whalers, scientists, engineers, even seekers after health cures...he discovers a rugged beauty and a sense of having conquered desolation itself."

MIDDLE EAST

• In "Eastward to Tartary: Travels in the Balkans, the Middle East and the Caucasus" [New York: Random House], **Robert D. Kaplan**, correspondent for the *Atlantic Monthly* and author of books on travel and foreign affairs, predicts that the oil-rich Caspian region may become an international flash point in the 21st century. He writes: "What the Balkans were in the 1990s, the Caspian region [with its oil and pipelines to the West] might be in the first decade of the new century: an explosive region that draws in the Great Powers."

New Books

GLOBAL

• Veteran foreign correspondent **Garrick Utley** and his wife, art historian **Gertje Utley**, published their first books eight days apart last November. Her book, "Picasso: The Communist Years" [New Haven: Yale University Press], deals with the artist's affiliation with the French Communist Party. She spent decades working on the book, an abridged version of her doctoral thesis, and she told **Jesse McKinley** of *The New York Times*, "I like



Garrick and Gertje Utley

to say I'm the woman who lived the longest with Picasso." His book, "You Should Have Been Here Yesterday" [New York: Public Affairs], recounts his career as a broadcast correspondent whose reporting included the Vietnam War, Prague Spring, Soviet Union's crushing of the liberalizing Czech regime, Italian Prime Minister Aldo Moro's murder, summit conferences, civil wars, crises and plane crashes. Utley writes "of what he sees as the decline of network news....a waning commitment to his beloved foreign news and a mania for shorter, hotter, more colorful stories," **Ray Suarez**, a senior correspondent for "The News Hour With Jim Lehrer," wrote in *The Washington Post*. Utley, now 61, and **Gertje Rom-**

meswinkel, now 60, met in Paris in 1970, when he was an NBC News correspondent, and they were married in Chicago in 1973. Utley left NBC in 1993, spent three years with ABC News in London and joined CNN in New York in 1997.

ASIA

• OPC member **Linda Goetz Holmes** has interviewed more than 400 allied military men who were Japan's prisoners of war during World War II. Many of them were forced to work in Japanese factories and mines without pay and under slavish conditions, Holmes says in telling their stories in "Unjust Enrichment: How Japan's Companies Built Postwar Fortunes Using American POWs" [Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania: Stackpole Books]. From recently declassified intelligence intercepts of wartime Japanese military and diplomatic messages, Holmes describes "how the brutal treatment and company exploitation of our POWs was part of Japanese government regulation and policy." The author writes that the companies avoided Japanese government orders to pay the POWs, and she says her book "shows unmistakably why the companies of Japan owe thousands of American veterans compensation and an apology."

• OPC member **Doris Macauley**, who covered the Sino-Japanese war in the 1930s, draws on her memories of China in her suspense novel "What Time Is It in China?" [San Jose, California, New York: Writer's Club Press]. Macauley told the *Bulletin*: "The novel is a woman's dramatic journey back into time, reunions with two former lovers, and memories of a China she knew years earlier, vividly

contrasted with the Red China of today." The protagonist, Leona Chickering, travels from London via Paris to Beijing to help her first husband who has been arrested by the Chinese Communists as a Russian spy after years in China. Along the way, she meets two former lovers from her days reporting the Sino-Japanese War, a French journalist and a Russian correspondent, and spends a night with each. Back in London, Leona's current husband, failing to locate her by telephone, becomes depressed and goes to see his former wife, whom he had divorced for being unfaithful when he was a World War II correspondent. Finally Leona catches up with her first husband while he is being released at the Hong Kong-China border, only to see him met by his Chinese wife and their little daughter. A Toronto movie producer is working on a film based on Macauley's book (January *Bulletin*).

• **Pamela Yatsko** challenges the conventional wisdom that Shanghai is the most entrepreneurial city in China and capable of becoming the financial center of the Asia-Pacific region. In 1994, Yatsko opened the first



Pamela Yatsko

Shanghai bureau of the weekly *Far Eastern Economic Review*. "As I was doing my reporting, I kept coming across issues, trends, truths about Shanghai that didn't quite jibe with conventional wisdom about the city, particularly among foreigners," she said in discussing her
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